

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated April 13, 2006, Applicant appreciates the entry of the previously submitted replacement drawings. In this Amendment, Applicant has amended Claims 1 and 3 and has canceled Claim 6. Accordingly, Claims 1-5 and 7 remain pending for prosecution with Claim 1 being independent.

I. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1 and 4-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In view of the suggestions of the Examiner, Applicant has amended Claims 1 and 3 and has canceled Claim 6. Applicant therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

II. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 over Lisch

Claims 1 and 4-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,542,206 to Lisch. For the following reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Lisch does not anticipate the present invention because Lisch does not teach or disclose each and every element of the invention as claimed. In particular, Lisch fails to disclose a generally circular case for carrying and storing circular saw blades that includes at least two storage trays and an annular insert within the storage trays wherein the insert alters a diameter of the storage trays for limiting movement of a circular saw blade stored therein. Rather, Lisch teaches a lure and tackle stacking container that includes independent trays having an upstanding

central barrel with a finger hole therethrough and a foam rubber sleeve that fits over the barrel so that hooks on the lures can be inserted into the sleeve for safety purposes. The foam rubber sleeve taught by Lisch does not alter the diameter of an annular insert within a storage tray. Further, the foam rubber sleeve taught by Lisch does not limit movement of a circular saw blade stored therein. Accordingly, because Lisch clearly does not teach all of the elements of independent Claim 1, Lisch cannot anticipate the present invention as claimed in Claim 1 and the claims depending therefrom.

III. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 over Essman

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,582,421 to Essman. For the following reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Essman does not anticipate the present invention because Essman does not teach or disclose each and every element of the invention as claimed. In particular, Essman fails to disclose a generally circular case for carrying and storing circular saw blades that includes at least two storage trays and an annular insert within the storage trays wherein the insert alters a diameter of the storage trays for limiting movement of a circular saw blade stored therein. Rather, Essman teaches container units having integral walls or partitions dividing the interior of the container into sub-compartments for containment of sewing articles. The integral walls or partitions taught by Essman do not alter the diameter of an annular insert within a storage tray. Further, integral walls or partitions taught by Essman do not limit movement of a circular saw blade stored therein. Accordingly, because Essman clearly does not teach all of the elements of

independent Claim 1, Essman cannot anticipate the present invention as claimed in Claim 1 and the claims depending therefrom.

IV. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 over Pfrommer

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,392,868 to Pfrommer. For the following reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

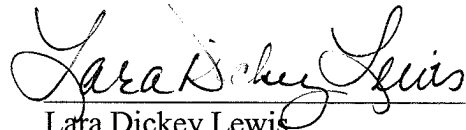
Pfrommer does not anticipate the present invention because Pfrommer does not teach or disclose each and every element of the invention as claimed. In particular, Pfrommer fails to disclose a generally circular case for carrying and storing circular saw blades that includes at least two storage trays and an annular insert within the storage trays wherein the insert alters a diameter of the storage trays for limiting movement of a circular saw blade stored therein. Rather, Pfrommer teaches a cosmetic container having a plurality of trays selectively accessible via the open sides thereof wherein each tray includes a bottom and a peripherally continuous upstanding side wall defining a circular cup-shaped cavity adapted to receive cosmetic substance such as pan 18 filled with rouge or the like. Neither the side wall nor the cosmetic-filled pan taught by Pfrommer alter the diameter of an annular insert within a storage tray. Further, neither the side wall nor the cosmetic-filled pan taught by Pfrommer limit movement of a circular saw blade stored therein. Accordingly, because Pfrommer clearly does not teach all of the elements of independent Claim 1, Pfrommer cannot anticipate the present invention as claimed in Claim 1 and the claims depending therefrom.

V. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims, as amended, are now in condition for allowance and such is courteously solicited. If any issue regarding the allowability of any of the pending claims in the present application could be readily resolved, or if other action could be taken to further advance this application such as an Examiner's amendment, or if the Examiner should have any questions regarding the present amendment, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner please telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney in this regard. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any necessary fees or credit any overpayment of fees in this application to Deposit Account No. 11-0160. The Examiner's attention is respectfully drawn to the correct attorney docket number shown in the header and on the first page of this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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